TARC NEWSLETTER

TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

FEBRUARY, 1996

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CLUB INFORMATION

TARC Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building
TARC Nets: VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910
Friendship - Thursdays at 1830 hrs on 146.910
Mosquito - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
TARC Repeaters: VHF - 146.910 and 146.970. UHF - 444.150

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

We enjoyed a very good turn out at the January meeting and I want to personally thank each of you for your attendance and your participation. Our attendance was so good due to club members like Joe N1PAW and Bert N1OGE who drove all the way down from Auburn, Mass. just to attend our club meeting. Glad to see you again and hope to see you more often. Maybe we should consider extending our yet-to-be established TARC car pool to swing by Auburn and pick you folks up each meeting night. Thanks to all, and hope to meet you on one of our club nets; at Morrison's Thursday nights; Miami or Orlando Hamfest, or at one of our club projects.

My apologies for extending the meeting beyond the normal curfew. However, your guidance and approval was necessary to determine the ways and means of proceeding with several important issues. Those issues include but not limited to: (1) Implementing the three party (TARC/Titusville Housing Authority/City of Titusville) facility use agreement relating to the 146.97/high-rise repeater site. and (2) TARC meeting place resolution. These issues were addressed and the directions as approved are being pursued.

Thanks to those who assisted in putting up the "sky waver" down at Arnolds, AE4NT. Now the neighbors at Joe's KE4AEB can be told that it is Arnold they are hearing on Channel 2.

Pike W4EPU and Clyde K4EOS have established a method by which if you subscribe to Florida Skip through TARC, the club will get a portion of the fee. The Florida Skip is a very good ham radio publication.
>I don't know exactly when this will be published, and don't want to let out a secret, but there is a lady who has passed her no code exam and will present the CSCE (proof of passing) to her man on his birthday. Isn't that a wonderful gift?
>There will be a no-code class sponsored by TARC and under the direction of Jose KC4VIO. The class will begin February 12 and will be a 6 week course held at ESI class room on SR50. The class is open to any and all. Fee will be $20.00 which includes class, text book, all class room handouts and the exam fee of $6.05 at the end of the class. Please encourage anyone who is interested to contact Jose KC4VIO 267-5892, or Bud K4CWG 267-3450.
>Thanks to Les K4SJC and Larry WB9MFJ, the club will soon have the rose node/packet capabilities back up and running. 73's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEB. 2	KE4AED	JIM SHAVER
FEB. 2	WB4DXD	BUCK TOMLINSON
FEB. 2	K4CWG	BUD HUGHES
FEB. 3	WB4CCB	DON JOERGER
FEB. 4	W4LAC	JASON RUDISELL
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FEB. 12	KE4MWZ	MIKE ELLIXSON
FEB. 13	KE4INL	DAN SMITH
FEB. 14	WB4ZUY	WYNN ROSTEK
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FEB. 16	KT4CP	BUCK THORNE
FEB. 17	KE4YQL	CLARA ABELL
FEB. 21	K1SKQ	FRANCIS McDERMOTT
FEB. 21	N4WIN	WALT FOSTER
FEB. 22	K8HRR	IRA BICKHAM
FEB. 25	K4IXU	JOHN PITTMAN
FEB. 26	KE4ZPA	JOHN RENNINGER
FEB. 28	KE4BBL	CINDY BORTLE

XMAS 6 METER OPENING

From Radio Newsline #959

Mother Nature gave hams a real treat on Christmas day. The 6 meter band, normally quiet at this time of year, went wild with DX. While reports from overseas are still a bit sketchy, at least one U.K. station was heard and worked in the central United States. There are also reports of JA stations being heard in the Pacific Northwest, but no confirmed QSO's.

Perhaps the most astounding report comes from a station in South Carolina. Ken Rameriz, KP4XS/4 reports over the VHF reflector that he heard at least eighty stations from across the United States and Mexico and had QSO's with many. This included stations as far away as Colorado, Oregon and California.

Another exciting QSO was reported by Dale Parfitt, WA2YPY who contacted Arizona from Central Florida while Bill Hudson WA0KBZ in Missouri had numerous contacts into New England and Florida.

And here's the kicker. While the majority of these QSO's took place on single sideband at the low end of the band, several good DX contacts also took place on AM -- on the old AM calling frequency of 50.400 MHz by hams claiming to have used 1950's vintage Gonset Communicators, Clegg 99ers and other older gear! And almost everyone is commenting that this is perhaps the best 6 meter opening in years. Some old time 6 meter enthusiasts say that Christmas Day 1995 sounded like any day at the height of 6 meter DX back in July of 1959!

STUDYING FOR MY LICENSE

From QST 2/96

I am 11 years old, and I hold a General license. When I began studying for my license it was sort of tough because I wasn't very interested at the time. But I quickly became interested.

I started studying from a book my dad used. When there were questions or answers that I didn't understand, my dad, AA0JG explained them to me. I knew a little about ham radio, but not half as much as I needed to know. I thought one of the hard parts was about electricity. I thought I was terrible at it, but I got through it. Another thing I didn't like was remembering the frequencies a Novice could use. Whenever I got discouraged, I would just keep working on it until I got it.

One of my favorite parts was learning about E, I and R. I liked figuring the answers. After I passed the written test I began studying code. I though that was a little harder. First I got a code tape and started practicing. After I got through the numbers, letters and punctuation, there were paragraphs sent at different speeds. I was working at the speed of 5 to 7 wpm and I was remembering what the paragraphs said even though they were sent backward. It was time for me to quit with the tapes for a while, so I copied W1AW's code practice on the air. Another thing I worked on to practice for my code was a Morse code program on our computer.

After that I was ready to take the code test. I took it and passed. Code isn't one of my favorite things to practice, learn or use - yet.

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2. Jose also talked about starting a class for novice and no-code techs on February 12. The fee is $20 which includes manual and license. Classes will be held on Monday nights at ESI building on Hwy. 50.
3. Ozzie N4SCY spoke of the Mars spacecraft to be launched in November. [More on this in the March Newsletter - **Ed.**]
4. Pike W4EPU spoke on the advantages of subscribing to Florida Skip.
5. Clyde K4EOS talked about the Orlando Hamfest. TARC tables are #'s 3 & 4 in building #3.
6. Marty WD4JNM announced that the Orlando Ham Club was giving a picnic on March 31 at Fleet Peeples Park next to Orlando Naval Training Center, and what to bring.
7. Cliff KC4SYD read the minutes of the annual audit of the TARC financial records. All entries checked out. Report adopted by vote of the club.
8. Bud K4CWG talked about the lease agreement of the repeater site of TARC, City of Titusville and the high-rise building. Motion made, seconded and passed to sign the lease.
9. Bud K4CWG accepted an award from Lisa Baisden of the Jaycees for TARC's participation in the Christmas parade.
10. Carl KD4CBT talked about moving meetings from the Jaycee building to the DAV building next door. A motion was made and seconded to move to the DAV building. Members voted to stay at the Jaycee building.
11. Les K4SJC asked for $367.11 for a transceiver to put a packet station on the air. Motion made, seconded and carried to buy the equipment. Meeting adjourned at 2125 hours.

THE INTERNET WORLD OF HAM RADIO

By John Munsey, KB3GK
From the Ground Wave, DARC

Most of us know that the internet World Wide Web known as www, is a source of information on almost any subject we can think of. Each month the Ground Wave will highlight different web sites as those locations are known. If you have particular questions or areas of interest let us know and we will see what can be found.

>For years Hams have purchased copies of "The Call Book" to look up names and addresses of fellow hams. There were two problems. First the call book cost $25.00 each and second, they were already out of date before we bought them. All that has changed.

>To locate call sign information on the internet use any web surfer program and type: "http://www.buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcall" (omit the quote marks as they are here only to define the webb address). Press enter and in a few seconds you will be connected to Buckmasters CD Rom that we used to pay $50.00 for and it's all free. Also, the data base is updated on a regular basis and the information is more up to date.

>Another webb address for ham call information that is updated every 24 hours is "http://www.ualr.edu/doc/hamualr/callsign.html" and press enter. Again, its all free.

>Want to post your ham call so that someone who knows only your call can send you E-MAIL? Type "http://www.amsat.org/amsat/listserv/lists.html" and press enter. AMSAT will answer and allow you to enter your name and EMAIL address along with your ham call. Mail then addressed to you at AMSAT will be forwarded to your local EMAIL address. Happy Surfing!

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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM DP0MIR

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German Astronaut Thomas Reiter, DF4TR, who is aboard the Russian MIR space station until February is sending seasons greetings for Christmas and New Year to all HAMs and SWLs worldwide. Reiter is using the digital voice recorder constructed by Thomas Kieselbach, DL2MDE to send out his message on 145.800 MHZ As time permits Reiter will be live on the air as DP0MIR.

EAST COAST OLD MILITARY RADIO NET

From Chris Bowne, AJ1G, Stonington, CT

The Old Military Radio Net is a forum for collectors of such boat anchors as the ART-13, BC-375, ARC-5, to meet on the air, usually using restored examples of such classics. It's the place you are most likely to hear the largest number of these fine old radios operating together on a net since the end of World War II!

Anyone interested in joining the fun is welcome. Most stations operate on AM, as few of the sets can transmit SSB. Check-ins on SSB and even CW (such as from that pip squeak GRC-9 field radio on a 15 foot whip antenna from out in the boondocks!) are also welcome. Operation of the old military sets on the net is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite.

The net is run on a round-robin basis, with a net control station taking check ins, and establishing a rotation. New check ins are solicited by the NCS between rounds. Please do not break for check in except when requested by the NCS.

Due to the current propagation conditions, which cause 75 meter propagation to be way too long at 0500 Eastern time, the net is now meeting at 0500 Saturdays on 1995 kHz. At about 0700, we will shift up to 3885 kHz (or nearest clear spot) to accommodate those who don't have 160 meter capability.

1995 kHz was chosen as a 160 meter frequency because most of the military sets that nominally cover frequencies of 1 mHz and up are able to tune down to this frequency.

Propagation on 160 at 0500 Eastern time has been excellent. On 12/31/95 we had the entire net on low power TCS units (20 watts AM) with excellent propagation from Ohio to DC to Northern NY and New England.

Set your alarm clock, grease up those dynamotors, knock loose the carbon in those T-17s and join us!

NEW REPEATER IN TITUSVILLE
146.775 DOWN 600
OWNER: WN3DHI ARCHIE
TRY IT OUT AND LET ARCHIE KNOW
THE RESULTS. IT WORKS GOOD!

HEARD ON 91

By Jo KE4AEB

KE4XXX calling KR4XXX on the 91 machine saying he had a new antenna he was wanting to check out on simplex, and would KR4XXX meet him on 146.520 simplex. KR4XXX said, "sure, I'll be glad to. Positive shift or negative shift?"

CLUB ANTENNA PARTIES

By: Jo KE4AEB

At Jo's KE4AEB: Jo, Archie WN3DHI, Les K4SJC, Buck KT4CP, Bud K4CWG, Charlie KR4YZ, Jo Jr., Don Brown, Earl.

At Arnolds KE4CFM: This party is a continuing party. Gonna get it fixed yet! Marty WD4JNM, Charlie KR4YZ, Gene KC4TE. Mike KE4MWZ, Sandy KE4TQZ, Cliff KC4SYD, Jo KE4AEB.

Other antenna problems to be corrected:

Mike KE4MWZ wants to go from horizontal to vertical on his 10 mtr. Now that he is a general, he needs other HF coverage antennas. Dave AC4JX needs to cut tree tops under his 60 mtr, and a lot of other modifications or installations as he directs.

If you want help on any antenna work, let us know and we will get it done!

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1. Jose KC4VIO talked about the mosquito net and the work involved done by Carol. The decision was made that everyone would keep track of his or her check-ins, and advise Carol to receive a certificate.
2. Jose also talked about starting a class for novice and no-code techs on February 12. The fee is $20 which includes manual and license. Classes will be held on Monday nights at ESI building on Hwy. 50.
3. Ozzie N4SCY spoke of the Mars spacecraft to be launched in November. [More on this in the March Newsletter - **Ed.**]
4. Pike W4EPU spoke on the advantages of subscribing to Florida Skip.
5. Clyde K4EOS talked about the Orlando Hamfest. TARC tables are #'s 3 & 4 in building #3.
6. Marty WD4JNM announced that the Orlando Ham Club was giving a picnic on March 31 at Fleet Peeples Park next to Orlando Naval Training Center, and what to bring.
7. Cliff KC4SYD read the minutes of the annual audit of the TARC financial records. All entries checked out. Report adopted by vote of the club.
8. Bud K4CWG talked about the lease agreement of the repeater site of TARC, City of Titusville and the high-rise building. Motion made, seconded and passed to sign the lease.
9. Bud K4CWG accepted an award from Lisa Baisden of the Jaycees for TARC's participation in the Christmas parade.
10. Carl KD4CBT talked about moving meetings from the Jaycee building to the DAV building next door. A motion was made and seconded to move to the DAV building. Members voted to stay at the Jaycee building.
11. Les K4SJC asked for $367.11 for a transceiver to put a packet station on the air. Motion made, seconded and carried to buy the equipment. Meeting adjourned at 2125 hours.

THE INTERNET WORLD OF HAM RADIO

By John Munsey, KB3GK
From the Ground Wave, DARC

Most of us know that the internet World Wide Web known as www, is a source of information on almost any subject we can think of. Each month the Ground Wave will highlight different web sites as those locations are known. If you have particular questions or areas of interest let us know and we will see what can be found.

>For years Hams have purchased copies of "The Call Book" to look up names and addresses of fellow hams. There were two problems. First the call book cost $25.00 each and second, they were already out of date before we bought them. All that has changed.

>To locate call sign information on the internet use any web surfer program and type: "http://www.buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcall" (omit the quote marks as they are here only to define the webb address). Press enter and in a few seconds you will be connected to Buckmasters CD Rom that we used to pay $50.00 for and it's all free. Also, the data base is updated on a regular basis and the information is more up to date.

>Another webb address for ham call information that is updated every 24 hours is "http://www.ualr.edu/doc/hamualr/callsign.html" and press enter. Again, its all free.

>Want to post your ham call so that someone who knows only your call can send you E-MAIL? Type "http://www.amsat.org/amsat/listserv/lists.html" and press enter. AMSAT will answer and allow you to enter your name and EMAIL address along with your ham call. Mail then addressed to you at AMSAT will be forwarded to your local EMAIL address. Happy Surfing!

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM DP0MIR

From Radio Newsline #959

German Astronaut Thomas Reiter, DF4TR, who is aboard the Russian MIR space station until February is sending seasons greetings for Christmas and New Year to all HAMs and SWLs worldwide. Reiter is using the digital voice recorder constructed by Thomas Kieselbach, DL2MDE to send out his message on 145.800 MHZ. As time permits Reiter will be live on the air as DP0MIR.

EAST COAST OLD MILITARY RADIO NET

From Chris Bowne, AJ1G, Stonington, CT

The Old Military Radio Net is a forum for collectors of such boat anchors as the ART-13, BC-375, ARC-5, to meet on the air, usually using restored examples of such classics. It's the place you are most likely to hear the largest number of these fine old radios operating together on a net since the end of World War II!

Anyone interested in joining the fun is welcome. Most stations operate on AM, as few of the sets can transmit SSB. Check-ins on SSB and even CW (such as from that pip squeak GRC-9 field radio on a 15 foot whip antenna from out in the boondocks!) are also welcome. Operation of the old military sets on the net is encouraged, but is not a prerequisite.

The net is run on a round-robin basis, with a net control station taking check ins, and establishing a rotation. New check ins are solicited by the NCS between rounds. Please do not break for check in except when requested by the NCS.

Due to the current propagation conditions, which cause 75 meter propagation to be way too long at 0500 Eastern time, the net is now meeting at 0500 Saturdays on 1995 kHz. At about 0700, we will shift up to 3885 kHz (or nearest clear spot) to accommodate those who don't have 160 meter capability.

1995 kHz was chosen as a 160 meter frequency because most of the military sets that nominally cover frequencies of 1 mHz and up are able to tune down to this frequency.

Propagation on 160 at 0500 Eastern time has been excellent. On 12/31/95 we had the entire net on low power TCS units (20 watts AM) with excellent propagation from Ohio to DC to Northern NY and New England.

Set your alarm clock, grease up those dynamotors, knock loose the carbon in those T-17s and join us!

NEW REPEATER IN TITUSVILLE
146.775 DOWN 600
OWNER: WN3DHI ARCHIE
TRY IT OUT AND LET ARCHIE KNOW
THE RESULTS. IT WORKS GOOD!

HEARD ON 91

By Jo KE4AEB

KE4XXX calling KR4XXX on the 91 machine saying he had a new antenna he was wanting to check out on simplex, and would KR4XXX meet him on 146.520 simplex. KR4XXX said, "sure, I'll be glad to. Positive shift or negative shift?"

CLUB ANTENNA PARTIES

By: Jo KE4AEB

At Jo's KE4AEB: Jo, Archie WN3DHI, Les K4SJC, Buck KT4CP, Bud K4CWG, Charlie KR4YZ, Jo Jr., Don Brown, Earl.

At Arnolds KE4CFM: This party is a continuing party. Gonna get it fixed yet! Marty WD4JNM, Charlie KR4YZ, Gene KC4TE. Mike KE4MWZ, Sandy KE4TQZ, Cliff KC4SYD, Jo KE4AEB.

Other antenna problems to be corrected:

Mike KE4MWZ wants to go from horizontal to vertical on his 10 mtr. Now that he is a general, he needs other HF coverage antennas. Dave AC4JX needs to cut tree tops under his 60 mtr, and a lot of other modifications or installations as he directs.

If you want help on any antenna work, let us know and we will get it done!

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike W4EPU

Every year between Christmas and New Years Clara and I go out somewhere for supper. This year being no exception. Normally, beforehand we discuss it, considering the pros and cons regarding the various eateries, the kind of food - American, Italian, Chinese, turf or seafood, etc.

This year, still being somewhat in the holiday spirit, and in an effort to save her some money, I took it upon myself to surprise Clara and take her some place where the food is good yet reasonably priced. When we left home she had no idea where we were having supper out this year.

The element of surprise for her somewhat diminished when we drove into Arby's parking lot. She was pleased, knowing it would probably cost her no more than ten bucks. But the real surprise was yet to come. I was apprehensive when she ordered first, but she played right into my hands by ordering a beef and cheddar sandwich. That was my cue to bring forth my second and bigger surprise. I produced a buy-one-get-one-free beef and cheddar sandwich coupon.

With our sandwich we each had a Jamocha milk shake. With credit for the coupon and no tip being necessary, it only cost her six bucks, tax and all. I felt quite proud of myself, going to the effort in a way to save her a considerable amount of money compared to eating at a place where she would have paid not only the full price, but tax and gratuity as well.

The above is just one example of some of the nice things I do for my YL and fellow Ham during the holiday seasons.

A belated Happy New Year, 73s es 88s

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HEARD ON 2 METERS: Sandy KE4TQZ let Bud check into the Thursday night net even after she was warned by Mike K4MWZ, Dave AC4JX and others that Bud tries to check in as much as a week in advance. Thinks he's gonna get an award of some kind.

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LEAP YEAR LEGENDS & FACTS

Holidays, Festivals & Celebrations of the World

WE ALL KNOW THAT:
Every four years an extra day, February 29, is added to the calendar. This is because the earth takes longer than 365 days to complete its trip around the sun.

BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT:
The extra day is not added to century years (such as 1800, 1900) unless they are divisible by four hundred. (So, the year 2000 will be a Leap Year.)

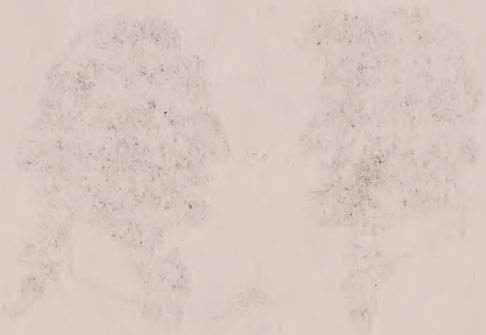
Julius Caesar and his astronomers were the first to initiate the practice of adding an extra day in February in the year 45 BC.

The term *Leap Year* probably got its name from the British courts who did not always recognize February 29 as a legal day. Therefore in records, the date was often "leaped over", since whatever occurred on February 29 was dated as February 28.

February 29 is traditionally a day when women are encouraged to propose marriage to men. This tradition dates back to 1288 Scotland, where in that year a law was passed making the practice legal. As a result the day is still sometimes referred to as *Ladies' Day* or *Bachelor's Day.*

Some people believe that the man-made disruption of the calendar affects the natural order of things, and so allows strange things to occur on February 29.

HE DRAGS 'EM IN PRETTY GOOD AS LONG AS I DON'T FORGET TO WIND HIM UP



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 275. (208 regular, 62 family, 5 honorary)

NEW MEMBERS: KE4WJV TERRY DAMPIER
KF4ADW W.S.DAMPIER
KD4NSG TIM HAYES
KD4VRU DICK EDWARDS

RENEWALS: KS4BD DARWIN McCOMBS
W1DBZ MONTY MONTPLAISER
KD4HNW KEN DENMAN
KB4JBL WILLIE WILLIAMS
AE4LE RALPH HALL (5 YEARS)
KA4LTK LLOYD MULLINS
KD4ROZ LEONARD ZBIEGIEN
W4UYZ JIM CREEVAY
KC4VIO JOSE RAMOS
KC4VIN CAROLE RAMOS
W4VQB BOB NEDIMEYER

HAMFEST CALENDAR

2/3,4	Miami
2/10	Arcadia
2/10	Pensacola
2/17,18	Orlando
2/24	Brooksville
3/2	Zephyrhills
3/9	Lake Worth
3/16,17	Ft.Walton Beach
3/23	Stuart
3/23	Sebring
3/30	Fanning Springs
4/27,28	Gainesville
8/3,4	Jacksonville

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